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## IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

KEITH I. SCHORR and SUSAN

JURY TRIAL DEMANDED

SCHORR, in their own right and

as personal representatives of the Estate of RYAN K. SCHORR,

V.

Plaintiffs,

NO.: 1:CV-01-0930

WEST SHORE REGIONAL POLICE

DEPARTMENT, HOWARD

DOUGHERTY, CUMBERLAND COUNTY, and HOLY SPIRIT

HOSPITAL,

Defendants. HONORABLE YVETTE KANE

## EXHIBITS IN SUPPORT OF MOTIONS FOR SUMMARY JUDGMENT PURSUANT TO FED. R. CIV. P. 56 OF DEFENDANTS **HOLY SPIRIT HOSPITAL AND CUMBERLAND COUNTY**

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                 (Exhibit Somerson-1 marked for
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                 ... IRA S. SOMERSON, CPP, after having
    been duly sworn, was examined and testified as
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    BY MR. YANINEK:
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           Mr. Somerson, I've introduced myself before.
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    My name is John Yaninek. I represent the defendants
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    Holy Spirit Hospital and Cumberland County.
    noticed your expert deposition this morning.
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                 I provided to plaintiffs' counsel and
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    you a Notice of Expert Deposition, which I have had
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    handing it to you.
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           -- or a copy of the document before?
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    with you to this deposition this morning. Did you
    review the document and bring the items that I
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    requested?
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           Just so I know what's there, can you tell me
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Ira S. Somerson, CPP 1 2 what is there? 3 We'll have to get the file, because it's 4 easier to show you than to remember it. 5 Why don't you tell me what you brought with 6 you this morning? 7 (Witness hands folder to Mr. Yaninek.) And you handed me a blue file folder, sir. 8 What is that? 9 10 Α. Inside is the items that you requested. 11 Q. Okay. 12 And the first is a list, computer printed Α. out, of all trials where I've testified. 13 The second is a computer printout of all depositions where I've 14 testified. The third is a current copy of my 15 Curriculum Vitae. That's what's here. 16 17 Q. All right. 18 MR. PENNINGTON: And the second blue 19 folder is the correspondence between plaintiffs' counsel and Mr. Somerson with regard to his report. 20 21 MR. YANINEK: Okay. 22 MR. HAUCK: Do you have a second set of that? 23 24 MR. PENNINGTON: I don't. 25 MR. YANINEK: These are all originals.

Ira S. Somerson, CPP 1 2 MR. PENNINGTON: I mean, I'll provide it 3 to you. THE WITNESS: You're at a home and I 5 have one of these (indicating), one at a time. 6 think we can work something a little easier out for you. BY MR. YANINEK: And this expandable brown folder, 9 10 Mr. Somerson? 11 MR. PENNINGTON: Just put this in here. 12 MR. YANINEK: I'm sorry. 13 THE WITNESS: That contains each of the files I was sent to review and has been listed on my 14 15 report that you have seen, except for the last two items, which came in since writing my report. 16 BY MR. YANINEK: 17 What last two items were they? 18 Report of Rolle Enterprises, Inc. and the 19 Α. deposition of --20 21 MR. PENNINGTON: Carol Joerger. 22 THE WITNESS: -- Carol Joerger. BY MR. YANINEK: 23 You have with you a laptop computer in front 24 25 of you. What type of information relative to this

Ira S. Somerson, CPP 1 case is stored on your computer? 2 Just what you have. Α. 3 Okay. 4 Q. It's just an easier way for me instead --Α. because this table arrangement, I thought we'd find 6 it a little more compact if I -- but you will find 7 nothing on this computer that you don't have in 8 front of you. 9 10 Q. Okay. I will make that guarantee to you. 11 I asked in the Notice to be provided with 12 Q. 13 billing records. What folder would they be in? The correspondence file between... 14 MR. PENNINGTON: It's that green sheet 15 of paper. 16 MR. YANINEK: 17 Okay. 18 THE WITNESS: Which would be my diary. 19 MR. PENNINGTON: And there's also a letter in there that indicates his fee rate. Ι 20 think it's right there, the agreement. 21 BY MR. YANINEK: 22 23 Mr. Somerson, I'm holding what appears to be like a green lined piece of paper. What is that? 24 This is my diary. That's how I refer to it 25 Α.

Ira S. Somerson, CPP 1 as. Which has my client's name here, the date that 2 I received this assignment, the amount of the 3 retainer I received, my hourly rate for doing the assignment, the first work that I did in my diary and what it was that I did. And it's just a 6 7 listing. Now, I have done some additional 8 9 follow-up work that I have not posted here yet, simply because I'm a little bit out of the weather. 10 But I could, before today is over, finish that up 11 for you. 12 13 MR. HAUCK: Do you want to mark it? MR. YANINEK: What's that? 14 MR. HAUCK: Do you want to mark it? 15 MR. YANINEK: Yes. I'd like to mark 16 this, I guess, as Somerson-2. 17 18 (Exhibit Somerson-2 marked for identification.) 19 BY MR. YANINEK: 20 Mr. Somerson, what I marked as Somerson 21 Q. Exhibit-2, is that the green paper we were talking 22 23 about? It's a column -- they're in a green column 24 notepad. 25

- Q. Then if I understand correctly, you were retained to do work on this case September 3rd of this year?
- A. Yes.

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- Q. And the rate, your hourly rate, I guess, for this work was to be \$225 an hour?
  - A. Yes.
- Q. And you were paid a retainer of \$2,500 prior to beginning any work on this case?
  - A. Yes.
- Q. And I guess to the end of October anyway, it appears that you've expended 17 and a quarter hours on this case?
  - A. Correct. I have not posted November yet.
- 16 Q. Since this document, what additional hours
  17 have you worked on this file?
- A. These two additional documents that I pointed to you earlier, some telephone communication with Mr. Pennington concerning being here today, and that's it.
  - Q. Approximately how much time do you think that is, generally speaking?
    - A. It can't be more than two hours.
      - MR. HAUCK: Would you mind letting me

2 look at Somerson-2?

BY MR. YANINEK:

- Q. What I'd like to do is, basically, take a break and kind of look over some of this stuff.
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Q. And then we'll go back on the record, and I'll probably have a lot more questions for you at that point.

(Short recess.)

11 BY MR. YANINEK:

- Q. Mr. Somerson, your Curriculum Vitae indicates after your name the initials BCFE. What do those initials stand for?
  - A. Board-certified forensic examiner.
  - Q. What process did you have to go through to become a board-certified forensic examiner?
  - A. Pay the dues, go through a peer review. My primary reason for membership was to get the information by mail and through membership and attending various symposia that taught me how to be a better witness. It did not have anything to do with developing better security management skills.
  - Q. So that title or those credentials have nothing to do with your expertise in security?

- A. Not at all. Well, other than as a witness.
- Q. The other initials after your name is CPP.

4 What do those initials stand for?

- A. Certified protection professional.
- Q. And what does that mean?

cetera, since 1977.

- A. That is a professional designation granted by the American Society for Industrial Security, which is an international organization of roughly 35,000 members. I was granted that in 1977 and have recertified every three years by earning points, by teaching, by writing, by attending seminars, et
- Q. What are the requirements for the certification?
  - A. Requirements are that the -- well, I came in under the grandfather clause, because I was one of the first 100 accepted. After that grandfather clause, every three years I've been required the same as everyone else, to take a peer review, et cetera.
  - Q. What are the current requirements? You said you were grandfathered in. What are the current requirements for that certification?
    - A. Every three years you have to earn -- it's

much like a CLE. You have to earn nine credits, and those credits can be earned any number of different ways in developing professional skills. They can be through writing articles, they can be by attending symposia, they can be by teaching, different professional participation in the professional society.

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- How now would someone be initially certified? 12 What process would they have to go through?
  - They would go through an application, which I did, be peer reviewed, and then they would have to take an examination to receive their first certification process.
    - ο. What would the examination entail?
  - Very extensive, and I don't know, because I never took it.
    - It has on your Curriculum Vitae Loss Q. Management Consultants, Inc. Could you describe what is the nature of business of Loss Management Consultants, Inc.?
      - Α. It is a corporation in the Commonwealth of

1 Ira S. Somerson, CPP Pennsylvania whose sole purpose is security, 2 management consultant or the protection of an 3 organization's assets by risk assessment and 4 programs designed to prevent those assets from being 5 lost. 6 And who are the officers of the corporation? 7 Q. Α. I'm a one-man corporation. 8 And where is your actual physical location? 9 Q. 650 Sentry, S-E-N-T-R-Y, Parkway, Suite 1, 10 11 Blue Bell, Pennsylvania 19422. And is that an office, I assume, in an office 12 complex? 13 Yes. 14 Α. Do you have any employees? 15 Ο. 16 That needs to be corrected, however. I'm part of an international consortium of 17 independent consultants similar to myself, and we do 18 significant consulting work for multi-national 19 corporations and governments in different 20 21 specialties, and we come together as independents and work on a task force. 22 23 We do not, each of us, retain employees. We prefer to do it on the consortium level. 24 That's a major part of my work. 25



- What percentage would you say that is of the work that you do?
- Well, it depends on whether you're talking Α. about time or dollars.
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- Time, I would say that it's 70 percent Α. consulting, 30 percent forensic or expert witness work. Dollars, about 50/50.
- And what amount does your corporation make 10 Q. yearly on the forensic work that it does? 11
- Well, I usually do, as a one-man corporation, 12 13 about \$300,000 in generated fees a year, exclusive 14 of expenses. So based on those percentages, you 15 have a good idea as to what I'm doing.
  - So just to understand better, you're a corporation and forensic work alone will gross over \$300,000 a year?
  - No, sir. My consulting and forensic work will gross over 300. Roughly half of that will be in the expert work.
- 150,000, generally? 22 Q.
- 23 Α. It goes up and down. It's never the same.
- Right. And you've been doing forensic work 24 Q. 25 since 1983?

A. I started in '81, really. That's when I sold Century security systems to a national company. I was under contract to them for two years, but during that two years, they allowed me to do consulting.

By the way, when I sold it, I had 1100 employees.

So I was trying to get the other way quick.

- Q. How old are you, sir?
- A. 64.

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- Q. Sir, in your Curriculum Vitae, there's an association affiliation called International Association of Healthcare Security and Safety. Could you describe that affiliation?
- A. That's an international organization representing people in the healthcare industry for safety and security, of which I am a member, which I participate at their symposia, which I write articles to, which I lecture to and which I attend the various workshops and symposia that they sponsor.

I read their journal, their academic journal that they publish quarterly, and I read their magazines and newsletters as well. It's an ability to stay in the state-of-the-art of hospital security or healthcare security.



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Ira S. Somerson, CPP Essentially, if I understand, you probably Q. paid a fee to obtain that information, a membership Well, just about any membership has a fee associated with it, but my reward is far greater than the fee paid. Q. I understand. And is the membership restricted to anyone? People who have a professional interest in Α. hospital security for both healthcare and security in general in the hospital industry. But is it restricted? If I paid the fee, could I become a member? Well, there are different types of members. Α. I do not know what type of memberships they now have. You might be an affiliate versus a full-time member based on your qualifications. That, I'm not familiar with. I was granted full membership. Have you ever worked in a healthcare security Q. setting?

- A. As an employee?
- Q. In any capacity.
- A. As a consultant, many, many times.

- Q. What hospitals or healthcare facilities have you worked for?
- A. Well, without exaggeration, almost every one of them has a confidentiality agreement. So the ones that I'll give you, I'll be confident are old enough and closed long enough that I don't have a problem. I'm reading through a list of them now.

The first one that -- I'm just going through a long list of them, if you'll be patient with me, please.

12 Q. I'll be patient.

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- A. Aventis-Bioservices, which has clinics throughout the country; Atlantacare, one word, Medical Center in Lynn, Massachusetts.
- Q. Is that a hospital?
- 17 A. Yes, it is.
- 18 Q. What type of work did you do for this
  19 hospital in Massachusetts?
- 20 A. Full risk assessment and program development.
- Q. And when did that occur, generally?
- 22 A. These are in alphabetical order, so...

They're not dated. I'm sorry.

MR. HAUCK: Could I jump in real quick?

Is what you're looking at on the



Ira S. Somerson, CPP 1 2 computer screen in the documents that you've provided? 3 MR. PENNINGTON: No. It was not asked 4 5 for. THE WITNESS: This is just a list No. 6 of clients that I have in the computer. It's a 7 sampling, because I know it was going to be asked. 8 MR. PENNINGTON: It has nothing to do 9 with this case whatsoever. 10 THE WITNESS: But you asked me for some 11 references, so I just reached into the file to get 12 them for you. If you want me to stop, I'll be happy 13 to. 14 15 I've done work for the Family Planning Council throughout this region; Mt. Sinai Hospital 16 Medical Center in Cleveland, Ohio. That was a full 17 risk assessment and program development. 18 coincidence, the Mt. Sinai Hospital of Baltimore, 19 same thing; Pastore Merigo Kenault (ph), which was 20 basically a serum manufacturer that I dealt with; 21 Planned Parenthood of Chester County; Southwest 22 Missouri State University's hospital; Temple 23 University in Philadelphia's hospital. 24 BY MR. YANINEK: 25

But

1 Ira S. Somerson, CPP What did you do for Temple? 2 Q. 3 Α. Same thing. Full security risk assessment? 4 Q. 5 Yeah. Program development is how I prefer to Α. call it. 6 7 University of Pennsylvania, while we're in Philadelphia, which I call HUP; Pennsylvania 8 Hospital, which is the same system, but it's at 8th 9 1.0 and Spruce. Then it was separate. There were two different entities. 11 12 That's all I have in this partial list. 13 There are considerably more. 14 Did any of these healthcare facilities do 302 commitments when you were doing the evaluation; do 15 you know? 16 17 I don't remember. 18 Do you have any specific credentials in the 19 healthcare security field? 20 No. I am not a member of the IAHSS's certification program. They've been perfectly 21 satisfied with my CPP. 22 23 The IAHSS deals more with people employed by a hospital full time and seeks its 24

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certification for personnel career development.

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if you're looking for a broader perspective of different medical facilities, CPP would be the preferred designation.

- Q. When you dealt with these assessments of healthcare facilities, did you take into account any reportings by the Joint Commission of Accreditation of any of the facilities?
- A. I'm familiar with them. I have some ambivalent feelings about them, which you can get into as we proceed.

But I approach all security management for all facilities the same, whether it's a hospital, whether it's a drug manufacturing facility, a pharmaceutical, whether it's a clothing or whatever it is. There's an essential way of approaching security management consulting. We're not driven by an accreditation service. Owners are pretty much run by the association that's trying to accredit them.

- Q. And that's your feelings about the Joint Commission?
- A. That's correct. I approach my assignments basically the same way, including this case; that is, that I first assess through both scientific and

qualitative or unscientific analysis what risks are likely to occur -- and that will depend on the type of facility -- identify and prioritize those risks, assess the existing physical and academic and procedural security that's in place to deter, detect, deny and respond to those foreseeable events, and to then recommend upgrades or modifications to improve them from occurring.

I don't look at a hospital as being any more unique than a manufacturing facility. That's just a standard security industry methodology of assessing risk and developing program strategy.

- Q. What was the last hospital -- you don't have to give me a name, but when did you do your last, I guess, risk assessment of a hospital?
  - A. This past year.

- Q. So based on your answer, your previous answer, you don't feel that a hospital is any different from any other business or institution with regard to security assessment or risk or practice and procedure?
- A. No. That is a mistake. We approach the methodology differently, only from the sense that each type of operation is uniquely different.

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So, for instance, if I were to say to you I'm assessing the risk of a convenience store, you'll probably be looking at robbery prevention. If I were to tell you I'm assessing the risks of a department store, you would say, oh, he's after shoplifting. And if I were to tell you -- each of these have unique inherent risks, along with other more peripheral risks.

And the same thing is true of a hospital. We identify the inherent risks of its operation, and we identify those through various scientific and unscientific methodologies. We then corroborate them with scientific methodologies. We then look at where it's geographically located, what are the demographics, both within it and surrounding it. We look at its prior history and what the repetitive, the persistent repetition of events was, whether they appear to be mitigating that repetition or it's going up on a grade.

We look at a lot of factors. And when we're finished, whether, again, it's a hospital or another organization, we use the same methodology, but we've approached each for its unique operational distinction. That's quite different than the way

you...

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- Q. How do you view the differences between the practice and procedure of security for a hospital versus a different institution, such as a private company?
- A. Let's just say we're talking about a city hospital, as an example.
  - Q. Sure.
- A. That has a trauma center, that has an ER, that accepts the public as part of its service to the community and, therefore, it accepts young people who are gang related or where retribution can occur within the emergency room where, in certain demographics, by the open nature of a hospital flow into the facility. These create unique inherent risks.

Each has to be looked at. Each has to be addressed, especially based on where it is, what its history is, whether it is a trauma center, whether it isn't. Each unit has to be looked at that way. And when you have, you then say, okay, what are we doing to -- these words will be repeated. I hope you won't get angry with me -- to deter, to deny, to detect and to respond to and/or

1 Ira S. Somerson, CPP 2 recover from these foreseeable risks. Now, some are more obvious and are 3 prioritized high. Violence in the ER is a very --4 very major problem in a downtown trauma center. 5 So you have to look at each risk and 6 then assess what you're doing to prevent it. 7 I hope I haven't been verbose. 8 That's fine. I asked you a question. 9 No. You're entitled to answer it. 10 In your articles and publications, I 11 direct your attention to No. 35. It's titled Role 12 of Outside Consultants in Enhancing a Hospital 13 Security Program. Can you tell me about that? 14 I'm getting it up on my screen. I did not 15 predict you to be asking me about that. 16 I apologize for the slight delay. 17 No problem. Q. 18 Α. There it is. Thank you for your patience. 19 What page did you want? 20 It was Page 5 on your Curriculum Vitae, but 21 it was Article No. 35. It's titled Role of Outside 22 Consultants in Enhancing a Hospital Security 23 Program. 24 Α. Got it. 25

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- Q. Could you tell me what that article is about?
- A. Essentially, that article is about how you would use a consultant as part of the process or the facilitation process of assessing risks and improving the program.

Very often security directors in hospitals and security managers are part of the squeaky wheel. They're always asking for things. They're always under budget constraints, and, therefore, the outside consultant can often get them over the hump and into other areas if they use an outside consultant. That's the main thrust of that article.

- Q. So is it fair to say that there's nothing in the article related to elopements?
- A. No. I don't think I've ever written anything specifically on the subject of -- my writing is generally more security management genericized.

  It's intended for students. It's intended for theory that would apply against multi-types of facilities, not a particular facility.
- Q. Okay. After the deposition is completed, would it be possible that I get a copy of this article?

- 2 A. Oh, that would be easy. I just print it out 3 on the computer.
  - Q. Thank you very much.
- 5 A. You just want that one article?
- 6 Q. Yes, sir.

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- 7 A. Oh, yeah, I can find it. I'll put a double
- 8 asterisk after it so I can find it. I'm assuming,
- 9 by the way, that I'm getting permission from
- 10 Mr. Pennington for each of these requests?
- MR. PENNINGTON: Yes. Sure.
- 12 BY MR. YANINEK:
- 13 Q. I see another initial after your name, CFE.
- 14 A. That has been dropped.
- 15 Q. Okay.
- 16 A. The reason it's been dropped is, I no
- 17 | longer -- and I was for, God, 40 years a criminal
- 18 | investigator. I got licensed in the Commonwealth of
- 19 | Pennsylvania. I just, frankly, got too old and too
- 20 busy.

- 21 Q. So CFE stands for what?
- 22 A. Certified fraud examiner. I just stopped
- 23 doing it and felt that it was misrepresentative to
- 24 use it, so I dropped it.
  - Q. What does a certified fraud examiner do?

- A. Investigates frauds.
- Q. What type of frauds?
- A. You name it. Mostly for corporations. You take the largest one we now have been dealing with,
- 6 I would have been part of that.
  - Q. I want to talk about now turning your attention to the list that you provided me with cases that you've had involvement with, other forensic cases.
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- 12 Q. I have one dated October 28th, 2002.
- 13 A. Do you want to just show it to me? It's the 14 only copy.
- Q. You can kind of see it up in the right-hand corner.
  - A. I'm sorry. Which one are you referring to?
- 18 Q. No; the date of your list.
- 19 A. Right. Oh, okay.
- Q. Mine is dated 10/28/2002. That's when you printed it off, I assume?
- 22 A. Yes.
- Q. The one we have today is dated 11/21/2002.
- 24 A. Correct.
- 25 Q. Is there any changes, in your mind? Have you

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had any depositions or trials, I guess, since
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list that you gave me that are not reflected on the older list?

- A. Maybe one or two, but nothing that would, I think, interest you.
  - Q. Okay. What are the new ones?
- 9 Α. Just depositions in other matters. It's a 10 continuing. When somebody deposes me, I just go in and put yes and the date, and that updates the 11 12 database. If I'm at trial, I put in yes and the date, and it updates the database. Then when I 13 do -- it just prints out the new number. And you're 14 welcome to have that new print, but I don't think 15 you'll need to go through the trouble, because none 16 17 of them involve your kind of work. I'll aver to that. 18
  - Q. I'm going to direct your attention to, I guess it's, LMC File 7661. I believe the caption is titled Robb R. Wilson and Lora W. Wilson versus Children's Hospital, et al.
  - A. You want me to pull that up?
- Q. Yes. Well, can you tell me what that case is about?

A. No.

- Q. All right.
- A. But I can -- thanks to my great cheat sheet here, I can probably -- if it's not closed and it's not down in the dungeon, I can look it up in the computer. If it's down in the dungeon, I need you.
  - Q. Okay. Take your time.
  - A. I'm going to see -- file number, please?
- Q. I believe it's 7661.
- A. We're in luck. Okay. Reading you the incident in summary, "Among the day August 18th, 1997, Steven Maloney, plaintiff, was a ticket-paying fan at a baseball game between the Philadelphia Phillies and the San Francisco Giants," and it goes on to how he was assaulted while being at that game.
  - Q. Okay. So this was not an incident that obviously occurred at the hospital?
  - A. He might have been taken to the hospital. He might have received treatment at the game, but it certainly wouldn't have been my keyword index choice.
- Q. All right. In your recollection of cases
  that you've been involved with, either these in the
  printouts that you provided me or other ones, have

1 Ira S. Somerson, CPP 2 you ever had a case involving security issues at a 3 hospital? Α. Yes. Can you tell me, one case or more than one 5 Q. 6 case? 7 More than one case, and I could never do that Α. now. I would have to do that research and come back 8 to you. And if you would, please, put that in 9 writing, because somebody has to --10 MR. PENNINGTON: We'll take care of that 11 stuff at the end. 12 13 MR. YANINEK: Okay. 14 THE WITNESS: Somebody is going to have to pay for that. That's deep research. Somebody 15 would pay for that. 16 BY MR. YANINEK: 17 I guess on this list, on this list that you 18 provided, were any of these hospital cases? 19 20 Α. I don't remember. 21 Or healthcare cases? Q. 22 They would be part of the research I would 23 do. 24 You have to remember that since 1981, I've handled, roughly, 700 matters. That's just 25

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since '81. And I've been in business for 43 years.

And I have every file in those 43 years, but I don't have them all in a database. So the research gets into, you know, going beyond the database. And basically what I do is, I load them in and I put various keywords to them.

Now, many, many times lawyers never tell me they settle a case. Wow. You believe that?

Many times lawyers don't tell me information that gives me the ability to change the database appropriately. So I would have to literally, once I saw the list, call every lawyer to find out the current status of that case. Usually I send out letters. I do that once a year as it is and get maybe a 30 percent response, just so I can keep my inventory.

- Q. From the list that you provided me, it indicates that you haven't testified in trial this year. Is that accurate?
- A. I think I have. Now, may I -- hold on, please. I think I can probably help you with that.
- Q. Oh, I want to correct my question. I think from my list to the new list, there appears to be one that you testified on November 18th?

- A. Yeah. I thought there was one. That's why
  I've been hesitant.
- Q. November 18th.

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5 A. I can tell you exactly based on just sorting 6 this, if you just give me one second.

Okay. I testified -- I was deposed on 11/12 in a parking lot case, and that was for Harrah's.

- Q. This is Estate of Selvaggio versus Harrah's?
- 11 A. Correct. Ugly case.
- Q. I assume you were retained by the plaintiff, according to your record?
- 14 A. Yes. This was not a criminal case.
- Q. And the incident occurred, I would assume, at Harrah's or on their premises?
  - A. On their employee parking lot.
- Q. And was Mr. Selvaggio killed as a result of the incident?
  - A. Ms. Selvaggio was killed by her boyfriend.
- 21 Q. How was she killed?
- 22 A. With a shotgun.
- 23 Q. She was shot by her boyfriend?
- 24 A. Her boyfriend. He was annoyed.
- 25 Q. And you were retained by the estate to review

Ira S. Somerson, CPP 1 the case? 2 I was basically retained to defend the 3 casino. In your column, then, under Plaintiff, it Q. 5 says yes. What does that mean on your printout? 6 7 Going back to it. I apologize to you. represent the Estate of Peggy Selvaggio against -- I 8 do remember the case exactly. The security officer 9 left the parking lot without authorization. 10 Boyfriend got on the lot, which he otherwise 11 wouldn't have, and shot Peggy Selvaggio. 12 represented Peggy Selvaggio's estate. 13 And you testified then that the security at 14 Harrah's was inadequate? 15 In that instance, yes. 16 Α. Was a verdict reached in the case? 17 I don't know. 18 Α. And that case was in New Jersey, I take it, 19 Q. Atlantic City? 20 Yes. 21 Α. The next most recent case you testified at 22 trial --23 To help you along, 8/25/2000. 24 Α. How about 10/24/2001, Samuel Stoorman, 25 Q.



Ira S. Somerson, CPP 1 2 Page --3 Α. Yes. And you were retained by plaintiff in that 4 Q. 5 case? 6 Α. Yup. And this was in Colorado? 7 Q. 8 Α. Correct. And what, generally, was this case about? 9 Q. I don't remember. I right now have about 130 10 Α. open files. The rest of the, roughly, 700 are 11 That's physically impossible to remember 12 the -- but as I said, any specific question you ask, 13 I will see that you get an answer through 14 Mr. Pennington to your office. 15 Well, you have a computer in front of you. 16 Q. Do you have any information relative to this case on 17 your computer? 18 Only if the case was still open. If not, all 19 the file drawers were destroyed and only my 20 correspondence files are left open. Nothing would 21 be on the computer, because it would be removed. 22 Is it an open case or a closed case? 23 Which one, the Stoorman case? 24 25 Q. Yes.

A. Do you have a file number? It's on the very end.

- Q. It appears to be 7835.
- A. Closed.

- Q. So what you're telling me, as we sit here today, there's nothing you can tell me about this case from your computer that's in front of you about the relative nature of what this case is about?
- A. Only my keyword index, which is at the very end of the same file, and they'll tell you, essentially, what the matter was about.

It was a clinic, social services abortion, and a rifle -- if that's the same one.

No, I don't think it is. I think I got carried away. Just a moment.

- Q. No problem.
- A. Office building tenant, assault, blunt object to head, burglary. Meaning that a burglary took place and the person in the building was assaulted during the burglary with a blunt object. If that person had died, there would be the word "homicide" as well.
  - Q. Okay. So since you testified at trial in that case, I assume that you gave an opinion that

Ira S. Somerson, CPP 1 the security at the building was inadequate? 2 -3 Α. Yes. And were you at the trial in Colorado to the 4 end of the trial or just for your testimony? 5 For one day, just for my testimony. Α. 6 You don't know the result of the trial? 7 Q. I don't know why, but I remember a favorable 8 And I may have to retract that, but I do 9 remember getting a nice phone call. 10 11 Q. Okay. 12 Α. Rare. Nice phone call from the plaintiff's lawyer? 13 Q. Whoever it was that I represented. 14 Α. The next trial testimony listed on your 15 Q. printout is Thomas J. Duffy --16 If you give me a file number. 17 Α. 7366. The Curtis Center, and then the 18 caption says Hoffman Surgical. Sorry. No; that's 19 right. That's right. 20 And the file number was? 21 Α. 7366. 22 Q. 23 The attorney was a Thomas Duffy? Α. Yes, sir. 24 Q. I'll just go through that. 25 Α.

File is closed.

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- A. It was received by me in 1990, a Pennsylvania matter. Hoffman Surgical was the caption. That's all I had.
- Q. Okay.
  - A. Oh, this took place at the Spring Mill
    Associates right down the street here in
    Conshohocken. The cross index is fire, security
    officer services, guard services, warehouse, alarm,
    security system.

So this was, obviously, a fire case.

- Q. Okay. So in that case, did you render an opinion that the, I guess, building security was inadequate?
- A. I have no idea if I did render an opinion.

  I'd have to go back and research every one of these.
  - Q. All right.
- A. Most of these, for your information, settle long before I render an opinion.
- 22 Q. Well --
- 23 A. Which is why I'm retained in the first place.
  - Q. Well, I'm specifically questioning you about cases that you've testified at trial. I'm taking

Ira S. Somerson, CPP 1 your trial list, so these -- I understand that, 2 being an attorney myself. 3 Then I did, and I don't know what opinion I 4 I do have --5 rendered. You tend to remember those a little bit more. 6 7 Would you agree or not? Not anymore. That's a long time ago. 8 Generally speaking, the times that you 9 testify at trial? 10 You list the file numbers that you want me to 11 try and find. I have to go into my closet and pull 12 out them and get them copied for you, but I don't 13 remember them. 14 15 Q. Okay. And that's not evasive. I really just don't 16 17 remember them. 1.8 Let's see if you have anything on 7785. caption is entitled Gonzalez versus Community Realty 19 Management, et al. 20 What's my file number, please? 21 Α. Q. 7785. 22 23 That was for Joe Assan, I would pronounce his Α.

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Yes.

A. It's still open. So I would not be able to discuss the file at all. Not without Joe Assan's permission.

I remember this case quite well.

- Q. All right. Without, I think, specific about the file, do you know, was this in New Jersey State or Federal Court?
- 9 A. Atlantic City.
- 10 Q. I see.

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- 11 A. On a housing project.
- 12 Q. It's a State Court case?
- 13 A. HUD, I think.
- 14 Q. The next most recent case, according to your
- 15 | list, is 7757, Lamana versus Ogden.
- 16 A. 7757?
- 17 | Q. Yes, sir.
- 18 A. It's still open. Same would apply. I have
- 19 no...
- 20 Q. All right.
- 21 A. This may very well be closed. I haven't
- 22 heard from it in that long. But this says open, so
- 23 | I can't discuss it.
- Q. All right. The next most recent -- this is
- 25 an interesting one, I guess. 7767.

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- That sounds very familiar. Α.
- This case, it appears, you weren't retained Q. by either plaintiff or defendant.
  - Oh, that's true. Α.

Yeah. This is closed. This is two twin tower condominiums bickering with each other, two management associations, on a budgetary dispute over security.

- Okay. Q.
- 11 If you want the truth, two immature Board 12 screaming at each other.
- Here's another one from 2000. 7731. 13 It's 14 called Zepf versus Atlantic City Hilton.
  - That rings a bell. What's the number again?
- 7731. 16 Q.
  - That's open. This case involves an Atlantic City casino. You're picking on them.
  - And you testified at trial on behalf of the plaintiff, it appears, from your list anyway?
  - Well, if it says I did, then I did. But, again, did it close, did it settle, where is it? They haven't told me.
    - What you testified in at trial certainly was public record and open to the public. I'm not

asking you for what confidential information that
you may have given to the attorney. What my
question is, do you remember what you testified at
trial?

A. No.

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- Q. Let's see if you have any information on 8 7641, Checkpoint Systems, Inc.
- 9 A. 7741? Oh, I remember this.
- 10 Q. 7641.
- A. Checkpoint systems would have been a patent infringement case involving Checkpoint, one word, and Check Point, two words, the invasion of the use of the name. It really didn't have anything to do with security as per se.
- 16 | Q. Okay.
- A. But any knowledge of the security industry
  and the access control industry. That was a very
  interesting case.
- Q. 7697, Meyers versus Joe Schmidt, trading as 7-Eleven.
- 22 A. Seven what?
- 23 Q. It's 7697.
- A. It's closed. I remember it well. There was a sister to this one. Same property, too.

1 Ira S. Somerson, CPP What was the general nature of that case? 2 Q. I'm getting it for you. 3 Α. 4 Q. Okay. Assaults, banging each other up on a parking 5 Α. lot outside 7-Eleven. It seems to be a part-time 6 hobby of young people today. 7 Okay. And you testified on behalf of the 8 plaintiff, Alan Meyers? 9 10 Α. Yes. 11 I assume he was assaulted then on the 7-Eleven parking lot? 12 Correct. 13 Α. And was your testimony that the security at 14 Q. the 7-Eleven parking lot was inadequate? 15 16 Α. Yes. Here's one, 7709. This is in Wyoming, of all 17 places. 18 Α. I'm all over the lot. 19 20 Oh, this was for the guy on TV that 21 wears the --Jerry Spence? 22 Yeah. That's his brother. Fascinating firm. 23 Α. This is a criminal case? 24 Q. Α. 25 Yeah. Out in Wyoming. Lee versus State of

Ira S. Somerson, CPP 1 It was a crowd control case at a state 2 California. 3 fair. And you testified on behalf of the plaintiff? 4 Q. Well, you have the whole spreadsheet. I have 5 to go back and forth. So, yes, I did. 6 And was your testimony that the crowd control 7 8 at the fair was inadequate? 9 Yes. Boy, was it ever. Let's go to 7757. Did I ask you about that 10 Q. 11 one? Don't know. 12 Α. I don't think so. Maybe I did. 13 Q. 14 Α. That's still open. 15 Q. Okay. I can only tell you that it involved a guard 16 Α. service. Let me go back and tell you, this is for 17 the plaintiff. You probably know --18 According to your printout, it says you 19 testified for the plaintiff. 20 Okay. Because I don't have the whole... 21 Α. Security officer services, 22 23 transportation, assault, fist, guard, Port Authority, airport, Newark Airport. That's the 24

various...

- Q. I would assume that the security at Newark
  Airport was at issue in the case?
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- Q. You testified that security at Newark Airport was inadequate on that occasion involving --
  - A. On that occasion? When wasn't it? Yes.
- Q. Okay. Let's look at if you have 7700.
  - A. That's a closed matter.
- Q. Okay. You were retained by the defense, according to your paper?
- 12 A. Back in '98.
- 13 Q. What was the general nature of that?
- 14 A. Massachusetts. I have to get it for you.
  - It's an oldie. Oh, you remember the case where the murder that took place in Boston over the abortions? They came into the abortion clinic and blew away some of the employees in there?
- 19 Q. Vaguely.
- 20 A. It was one of those. Nasty case.
- Q. So did you testify then on behalf of the clinic?
- 23 A. No. Defendant.
- Q. The defendant, wouldn't that be the clinic?
  - A. The clinic.

- So was your testimony such that you opined that the clinic's security was adequate?
- I don't remember exactly what I opined. wouldn't want to mislead you, but I did opine something.
  - Favorable to the --Q.
  - That's up to their own... Α.
  - Here's one, 7259, Capizzi versus Gimbels. Q.
- There it is. Closed. Philadelphia case, 10 Α. Capizzi versus Gimbels, like you said. 11 For the plaintiff. It was a robbery in a department store 12 mall, armored car service.
- And the plaintiff was injured, I assume, in 14 Q. 15 some way personally?
- Shot, yes. 16 Α.
- And do you remember what your opinion was? 17 Q.
- No. 18 Α.

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- 19 Do you remember anything related to what you Q. testified? 20
- No. I'd be quite a remarkable guy if I did 21 after all these. 22
- 7708. 23 Q.
- 24 Closed. Attorney was Thomas R. Yorko,
- Pennsylvania. By the way, I have no idea if these 25

1 Ira S. Somerson, CPP 2 law firms exist today. I understand that. 3 No. 4 Α. Some of this is quite old. 5 Do you remember what that case was about? Q. 6 Α. Well, if it doesn't trigger it from the 7 keyword, no. 8 Q. Okay. I did work for plaintiff on this. 9 It was a property management case, purse snatched, strong-arm 10 robbery, parking lot of a strip center, and it went 11 12 to an arbitration. So do you remember if you testified that the 13 strip mall in question had inadequate security? 14 15 Α. I don't remember a thing. 16 Q. Okay. 17 How many more of these are we going to be going through? Because I want to try and just --18 Just a couple more. 19 Q. 20 As many as you wish. I just want to get these things set up. 21 I understand. 22 Q. How about 7597? 23 Open. State of New Jersey. It's against the 24 Α. 25 casino. Represented plaintiff, and it was an